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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Anthony R. Kelley et al	:	
Application No. 10/750,628	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 19, 2003	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
Attorney Docket No. MFS-31952-1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed March 17, 2006, to correct the second inventor's name.

The petition is GRANTED.


Office records have been changed to reflect that the second inventor's correct name is "Paul D. Van Buskirk." A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the inventor's correct name, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the \$400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

The printing of the patent may have progressed to the point where it may not be possible to include the inventor's correct name on the front page of the Letters Patent. In this case, petitioner may request a Certificate of Correction under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.323 (and pay the \$100 fee therefor).

Inquiries concerning this decision on petition may be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Publishing Division.

  
Frances Hicks  
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Office of Petitions

ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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**Applicant(s)**

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**Power of Attorney:** The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 30698.

**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

**Foreign Applications**

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 04/05/2004

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is** **US10/750,628**

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**Non-Publication Request:** Yes

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

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